



**PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET**  
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary**

**MAY 2023**



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[www.calaryparish.org](http://www.calaryparish.org)

## From the Rector

Dear friends,

I hope you all had a blessed Easter. We were very fortunate on Easter morning, for our Sunrise service on the beach in Newcastle, as we enjoyed a beautiful sunrise. Thank you to everyone who joined us at 6.30am! Particular thanks to Fr. John, to Sheila for playing in the cold and to Ed, Fiona, Orla, Sean, Rachel, Millie and all their other helpers for providing an amazing breakfast on the beach!

I completed my 10 Peak challenge after Easter, the weather was varied, from bright sunshine, pouring rain and even a blizzard! A huge thank you to everyone who joined me and to everyone for their support. All funds raised are for the Church Window restoration in Calary and W.H Five Loaves in Bray. Next year it's another local charity and Newcastle Church's turn!!

Our Easter General Vestry meeting for Calary was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and for Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. May I take this opportunity to thank the churchwardens, glebewardens and members of vestry in all three churches, for all of their hard work and the time that they give and welcome our new members. Our churches would not exist without them.

Our Alpha course began on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and runs for ten weeks. We are enjoying exploring our faith in an open and informal environment. This course is for everyone, across the community, and offers a very gentle and approachable way to explore faith, while enjoying good company and refreshments! If you are interested, please join us any Wednesday.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April to commemorate Earth Day, our wonderful youth group and their leaders helped me plant trees yesterday! Reminding us that we should all take a moment each day, to be thankful for what we have been given and think about all that we can and should do to conserve it.

A huge congratulations to the choir of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class St. Francis' National School, who sang at the Wicklow regional National Children's choir, at the basketball arena in Tallaght on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. They were amazing! There were lots of very proud parents, including me! Well done to all the children and their teachers!

We extend our deepest sympathy to Andrew Somerville, following the death of his wife Susan. Sue's funeral, a service of thanksgiving for her life, was held in Calary Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Jane O'Herlihy on the death of her brother.

I am looking forward to our Rogation Sunday family service and picnic in Dunran on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to Martin Kelly for inviting us back this year!

In June we will be holding a flower festival. The flowers will be on show in Newcastle church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. These floral arrangements will be based on one of the arrangers favourite hymns. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June we will then hold a 'Songs of Praise' service in Newcastle Church with some of these hymns. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June before the flower festival we will hold our 'Gardner's Question Time' again, it was great fun last year! If anyone would like to do an arrangement for the flower festival, please contact Sheila or the Parish Office.

Spring has sprung in the rectory garden with baby chicks hatching much to our children's excitement! With this milder weather cherry and fruit trees are in full bloom, plants are emerging and seeds germinating, it is a wonderful sight to see. I wish you all a blessed start to summer in my favourite month, the merry month of May, with the beauty of creation seemingly made afresh.

God bless,  
Ross



**Parish of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy with Calary**

# **Rogation Sunday**

**Family Service  
and Picnic**

**Dunran**



**SUNDAY, May 14th  
11:30am**

**Bring your picnic baskets, rugs, deck  
chairs!**

**Directions:**

**Take the 2nd right turn after Abwood. Pass Duran Castle on the right. On the right enter through the gates with balloons to the parking and picnic site.**

*Parish of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy with Galary*



For children currently in 5th and 6th class  
and to anyone who wishes to be confirmed.  
Please contact Ross to register your interest!

**Confirmation 2024**  
**Classes commencing Autumn 2023**

**Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy**  
**Easter Vestry**  
**27th April 2023**

**Election of Officers and Select Vestry**

Newcastle Rector's Churchwarden: Mary Valentine  
Newcastle People's Churchwarden: Andrew Leeson  
St Matthew's Rector's Churchwarden: Jane O'Herlihy  
St Matthew's People's Churchwarden: Willie Day  
Rector's Glebewarden: James Norse  
People's Glebewarden: Peter Johnston  
Hon. Treasurer: Tina Donohoe  
Hon. Secretary: Lorraine McElwain

Select Vestry

Emma Stringer, Lucas Dowling  
Ed Power, Joanna Byrne  
Caroline Tindal, John Langrell  
Conor O'Leary, Margaret Murphy  
Orla Hamilton, Jane Smith

Synodspersons

James Norse, Lucas Dowling, Derek Neilson

Parish Nominators

Karen Reynolds, Muriel Norse  
Michael Croly, Marjorie Travers

RECTOR'S

*Breakfast*



Tuesday's, from 8:45

During Termtime

in the Parish Centre

All very welcome!



# Prayer Space

Tuesday mornings from  
9:15am

As you know, you can contact me by phone or e-mail at any time and we can meet anywhere for a chat or prayer but also I am in my office at the parish centre each Tuesday morning, please feel free to drop in and say hello!

Ross



**Explore  
the  
meaning  
of life**



**Join us for an informal and approachable way to explore  
faith while enjoying good company and refreshments!**

Newcastle Parish Centre  
Wednesday 19th April @ 8pm  
for ten weeks



**Parish Centre  
Friday mornings  
10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Everyone very welcome!**

# Clubs and Organisations



Thursdays at 8pm  
in the Parish Centre.

Everyone very welcome  
to come along

**Bowls Club**



**TABLE TENNIS**

Mondays at 8pm

Parish Centre



**Choir**

Choir  
Practice  
Mondays  
8pm  
Parish  
Centre

# Sunday CLUB

7TH MAY & 21ST MAY

Monday afternoon during term time:  
Junior Infants - 1st Class 2:20pm-2:50pm  
2nd to 6th Class - 2:20pm - 3:20pm

# Junior Choir



## YOUTH GROUP

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 5th May & Friday 19th May



from 4th Class up

Junior Table Tennis  
Mondays 7 - 8pm  
at the Parish Centre.  
All aged 9 and over  
very welcome!





# Newcastle Flower Festival



**Newcastle Church**  
**Saturday 24th June**  
**10am - 5pm**

**Sunday 25th June**  
**2pm - 5pm**

**Admission €10**

**Refreshments available**

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS EVENT

Undertake to create a flower arrangement

Offer to take a shift on the door at the church

Help with the refreshments at the Parish Centre

Provide sandwiches, soup, scones, cakes etc

Man one of the stalls

Grow/provide plants for the plant stall

Take a stall to sell goods  
(flower or plant related)

Sponsor an arrangement

Come to the Flower Festival

Attend the Songs of Praise on the Sunday

Tell all your friends about the Flower Festival

We'll be kicking off the Flower Festival Weekend  
with **Gardeners' Question Time**  
on Thursday 22nd June!

More details to follow



# CALARY NEWS

## Ross'10 Peak Challenge

We would all like to say a HUGE Thank you to Ross for completing the 10 peak challenge in aid of Calary Church Windows restoration and WH Five Loaves charity in Bray. It was a huge undertaking in weathers that saw Hail Rain Snow and Sun. Typical Wicklow weather. Thank you also to everyone who has donated and hopefully we will get started on the project this summer. If you still want to donate you may do so - Talk to any member of the Select Vestry in Calary; Calary Treasurer Charlotte O'Brien 086 835 4394; Parish Office in Newcastle or the Rector.

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/10peakswicklow>

## Calary Church Bell

We are delighted that the Bell in Calary Church Tower has been fixed can now toll again on Sunday morning. All we need is a new rope and we are ready to go ! Thank you to Ken and his helpers for getting this done – the work involved was tricky in such a confined space. Well done all.

## Music in Calary

The first concert of the season is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm when we welcome Musici Ireland. This concert was postponed from last September due to one of the musicians contracting Covid. We are delighted that it has been possible to reschedule – Musici Ireland are a very talented, busy, and popular group! For bookings please contact [derekneilson11@gmail.com](mailto:derekneilson11@gmail.com) or John Medlycott on 01 281 8146 or any member of the Select Vestry.

## Funeral at Calary

*Thursday 27th April 2023* Sue Somerville

We extend our deepest sympathies to Sue's family: her beloved husband Andrew, her brother David, her sister-in-law Meta, her nephew Harvey, her niece SallyAnn, extended family and her wide circle of friends.

# **Calary Parish Easter Vestry**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## **Election of Officers and Select Vestry**

Rector's Churchwarden: Derek Neilson

People's Churchwarden: Ethni Seymour

Glebewarden: Ken Townsend

Hon. Treasurer: Charlotte O' Brien

Hon. Secretary: Linda Byrne

### Select Vestry

Claire Chambers, Eve Holmes,

John Medlycott, Susan Menzies ,

Gay Nuttall, Joanna Nuttall,

Tempe Pearson, June Roe ,

Jonathan Sutton, Daphne Townsend,

Marjorie Travers.

**Musici  
Ireland**

**Music in Calary**  
*Summer 2023*



**Thursday 11th May 2023 @ 8.00pm**

**Harp:** Dianne Marshall  
**Violins:** Mia Cooper and Lidia Jewloszewicz-Clarke  
**Viola:** Beth McNinch  
**Cello:** Katie Tertell

**Information & Booking**  
01 2818146 or  
[derekneilson11@gmail.com](mailto:derekneilson11@gmail.com)

**Music in Calary is  
kindly sponsored by  
Wicklow Co. Co. Arts**

**Calary Church is on the R755  
(Kilmacanogue to Roundwood)  
Exit 8 off N11**

**Free Parking  
A98 H766**





# St Francis' PA Fashion Show

May 24th  
Fishers  
Newtownmountkennedy



*St. Francis' NS at the Wicklow Regional National Children's Choir*

**Will's  
PLAYGROUND**

*How to donate:*

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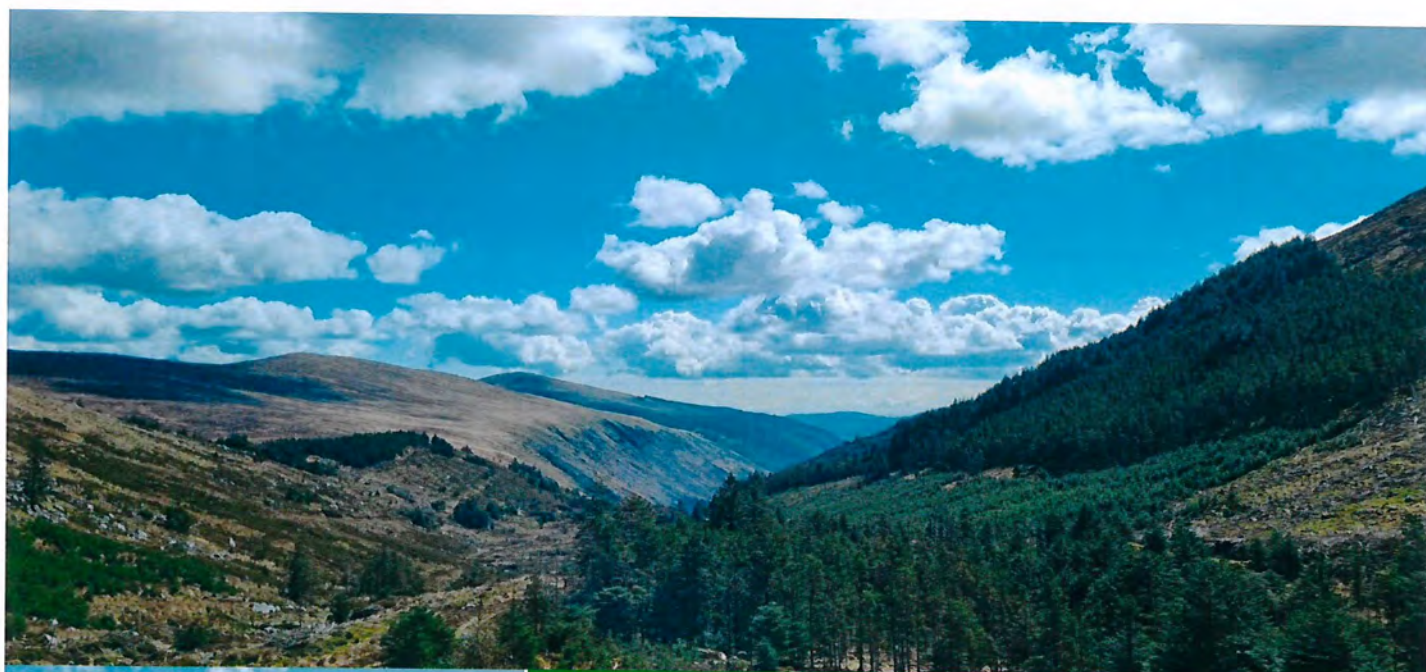
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<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/willsplayground>

The background of the flyer is a colorful illustration of a playground with slides, swings, and a climbing wall under a blue sky with clouds and a kite.



*Easter morning on Newcastle Beach*



# Rev. Ross' 10 Peaks Challenge





*The Youth Club planting trees  
for Earth Day*





# Childcare

**Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle**

## **Playschool**

**Open 9am to 12 noon**

**5 days a week**

**Full-time and Part-time places**

**ECCE and non-ECCE**

**Excellent facilities indoors and outdoors**

## **Afterschool**

**Open 1.20pm to 6pm**

**5 days a week**

**Full-time and Part-time**

**Limited places available**

**For information and booking:**

**Phone Joanne at 087-7216929**

**Registered for National Childcare Scheme**

**Now taking bookings for September 2023**

# KIDS

## Parable of the Sower

1. How did the farmer plant his seeds?



2. Draw a line to the correct picture:

The thorns choked them



The first fell on the hard path

brought fruit



The second fell on stony ground

The birds ate it



The third fell on thorns

It became hot and the plants died



The fourth fell on good ground

3. Does Jesus want everyone to know Him?



# SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 7th</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Calary	9.30		HC	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00		HC	
<b>Rogation Sunday 14th</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Joint Service	11.30	RS	Family Service And Picnic	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
<b>Sunday 21st</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Calary	9.30		MP	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00		MP	
<b>Pentecost Sunday 28th</b>	Calary	9.30		FS	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:26-36, 37b 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00		FS	



**Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday,  
with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's.  
Everyone is welcome to tea/coffee  
in the McLean Room after the service.**